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1. NIGERIA MISSOFF (FISHER) TOLD USUN MISSOFF
LATE JANUARY 25 THAT AFRICAN GROUP MEETING ON SECURITY
COUNCIL OPTIONS REGARDING SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT AFTERNOON
HAD BEEN "INCONCLUSIVE AND FUTILE." MEETING HAD
BEGUN ON TOPIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND NEVER MOVED FURTHER.

RHODESIA WAS NOT REPEAT MOT DISCUSSED. ON SOUTH AFRICA, AFRICAN GROUP HAD REACHED NO CONCLUSIONS. EVERY NIGERIAN INITIATIVE, REPORTED FISHER, HAD BEEN SHOUTED DOWN BY FRANCOPHONES. FISHER ATTRIBUTED CHAOS COMPLETELY TO AD BLOOD REMAINING BETWEEN NIGERIA AND FRANCOPHONES OVER NIGERIA'S SUCCESSFUL FITHT LAST FALL TO GAIN SC SEAT.

2. FISHER SAID THAT, CONSIDERING THE CURRENT DISARRAY, IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT AFRICAN GROUP WOULD BE ABLE TO PRODUCE ANY DRAFT RESOLUTION ON AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA IN TIME FOR SC CONSULTATIONS STILL SCHEDULED FOR 11:00 AM JANUARY 26. MISSOFF PRESSED FISHER TO SHOW USUN ANY DRAFT WHILE IT WAS STILL AMENDABLE. FISHER PROMISED TO DO SO, REPEATING HIS APPRECIATION FOR US WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE STATEMENT ON AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

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